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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/938,589
Applicants: Michinori NISHIKAWA, et al.
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For: CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING STOPPER
FILM, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,
AND METHOD OF CHEMICAL MECHANICAL
POLISHING
Group Art Unit: 2818
Examiner: BERRY, R. R.

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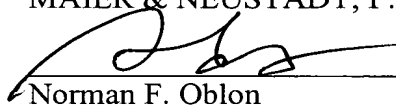
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Restriction Response

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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This is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 12, 2004.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-4, for examination.

The Examiner argues that the inventions of Group I and Group II are related as process of making and product made and cites a number of different processes by which the Examiner argues that the product of Claim 1 may be made. However, the Examiner has set forth no reasons to support the position that the particular processes referred to in the Restriction Requirement can, in fact, be used to make the film of Group I and, therefore, it is submitted that the Restriction Requirement is improper and should be withdrawn and all claims examined in the present application.

Further, Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that the Office has not shown that a burden exists in searching all the claims in the present

application. The Examiner has set forth only two subclasses for search and it is submitted that the Examiner cannot reasonably assert that a burden exists in searching only two subclasses.

Finally, if the claims of Group I are ultimately held allowable, it is requested that the Examiner rejoin the process claims of Group II under M.P.E.P. § 821.04 and allow these claims also.

Accordingly, for the reasons presented above, Applicants submit that the Office has failed to meet the burden necessary to sustain the Restriction Requirement and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

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